

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Peter BUDTZ *et al.*  
Title: **ENZYMATIC PROCESS FOR OBTAINING INCREASED  
YIELD OF LACTOBIONIC ACID**  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action dated December 28, 2009, concerning the above-referenced patent application. By virtue of the accompanying Petition for Extension of Time and payment of the prescribed fees, this response is timely filed on or before June 28, 2010.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this document.